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Mr. Christopher Maiorana
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RE: New U.S. Patent Applications
Our Refs: IC99001-2

Dear Chris:

Please find enclosed invention disclosures by Cypress employees I-Teh Sha, Albert Chen and Kuang-Yu Chen entitled DECREASING PLL OVERSHOOT OR UNDERSHOOT DURING A SPREAD SPECTRUM TRANSITION (Cypress ref: IC99001), and [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]. (I would like to suggest the alternative titles, "Circuit and Method for Controlling a Spread Spectrum Transition" for Cypress ref: IC99001 and "Circuit and Method for Linear Control of a Spread Spectrum Transition" for Cypress ref: IC99002.) The inventions were presented at a recent Patent Review Meeting at Cypress. The consensus was that the ideas therein are patentable. We would appreciate your preparation of two full applications to file with the Patent and Trademark Office.

Please contact I-Teh (phone: [REDACTED]) to further clarify points in the accompanying paperwork and discuss strategies for drafting the applications. Please file any of the spread spectrum references that you may consider relevant to these inventions in an Information Disclosure Form when the applications are filed. Please copy me all correspondence sent to the inventors.

Please note that we have set a budget of [REDACTED] for the preparation of each application. Please contact me if you think you may exceed the budget. Our goals are to receive a first draft within about 6 weeks and to file the application within 13 weeks. Thank you for your cooperation with our efforts.

Sincerely,

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